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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 22, 2019

Council Updates

Candidates for the May 2019 City Council Election

On Saturday, May 4, Addison residents will go to the polls to elect a mayor and three council members. The deadline to file for the election was Friday, February 15 at 5pm. The candidates who filed are listed below in the order their names will appear on the May 4 ballot:

Mayoral Candidates

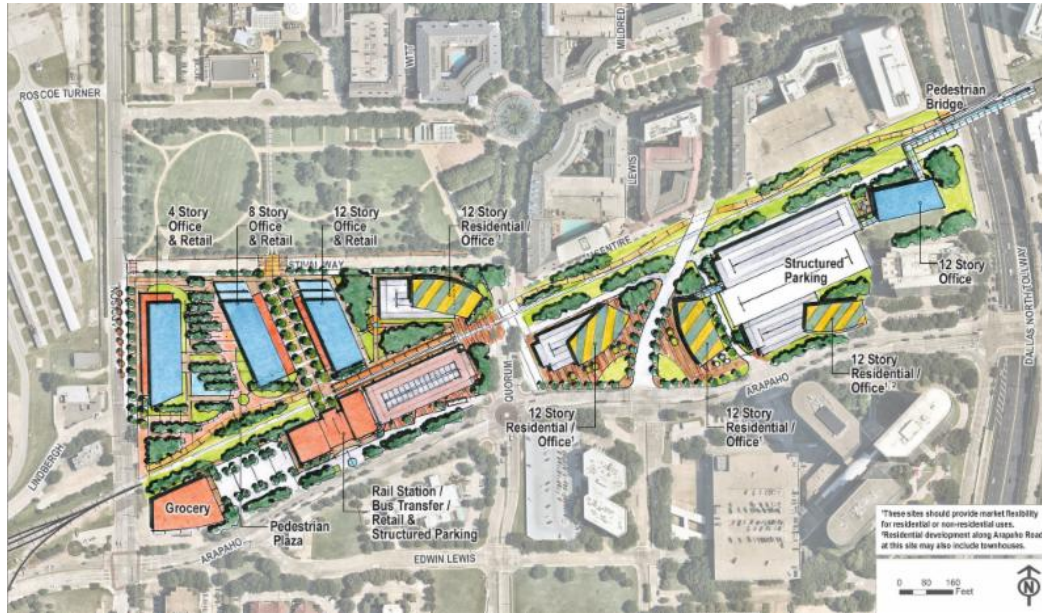
- Joe Chow (I)
- Blake Clemens

City Council Candidates

- Andrew Aleman
- C.J. Comu
- Lori Ward (I)
- Ivan Hughes (I)
- Sydney Powell-Bindi
- Tom Braun (I)
- Dale Michael Wilcox

(I) - Incumbent

Council Amends Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Adopt Findings of the Addison Circle Special Area Study



In December 2018, Council provided feedback on the Addison Circle Special Area Study findings. The study, which began in December 2017, included feedback from two community workshops, interviews with key stakeholders including local residents and property owners, and direction and guidance from a Special Project Committee appointed by the City Council.

The study addresses two individual study areas: Addison Central, located along the future Cotton Belt Rail line, north of Arapaho Road, and Addison Circle West, located along the western edge of the existing Addison Circle district, east of Addison Road and south of Airport Parkway. At its February 20 meeting, the City Council amended Addison's Comprehensive Land Use Plan to adopt the findings of the Addison Circle Special Area Study.

You can [watch Council's discussion on amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan here](#) and read the [Addison Circle Special Area Study findings here](#).

Addison Police Chief Presents Annual Report



Each year, the Addison Police Department (APD) prepares an Annual Report that includes a statistical review of the year, notable events from the patrol and criminal investigation divisions, community outreach events, and goals and objectives the year. At the February 20 Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer shared [APD's 2018 Annual Report](#) with the City Council.

The report shows several offense types were down in 2018, but larcenies, which are thefts of personal property, were up slightly. Chief Spencer explained that one person was responsible for 74 of those theft crimes that impacted 113 victims; the suspect was arrested on Addison felony warrants in Austin, Texas. Chief Spencer also reported that Addison has the highest case clearance rate of all four Metrocrest cities at 21%.

You can [watch the Council discussion on APD's Annual Report here.](#)

APD Delivers Results of Annual Racial Profiling Report



The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure requires that Addison Police Department share with the City Council the data collected on the race or ethnicity of individuals stopped and issued citations or arrested for traffic violations each year. To be proactive, the Addison Police Department submits its data to Del Carmen Consulting, LLC, on a quarterly basis for analysis, review, and feedback. Del Carman Consulting also analyzes and prepares our annual racial profiling and search analysis report for the State of Texas.

[The Racial Profiling Report](#) that Chief Spencer presented to the City Council on February 20 provides information related to data collected from motor vehicles stops in which a

citation or warning was issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information such as:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the detained individual consented to the search; and
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual before detaining them.

The 2018 report verifies that APD is in full compliance with the state racial profiling statute regarding prevention policies, data collection, vehicle search analysis, and reporting.

You can [watch Council's discussion APD's Racial Profiling Report here](#) and [view the presentation here](#).

Amended Landscape Ordinance Allows for Artificial Turf Pilot Program

The Town's landscape ordinance requires the use of living plant material within required landscape areas in Urban Center Zoning areas. The Homeowners' Association at Meridian Square, which has Urban Center Zoning, installed artificial turf in the fall of 2017 which put the property in non-compliance with the Town's Landscape Regulations. The City Council asked staff to explore the use of artificial turf in other communities and, based on that research, directed staff to develop an amendment to the Town Landscape Ordinance to allow for an artificial turf pilot program. At its February 20 meeting, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Town's landscape ordinance to allow for a 10-year pilot program for Meridian Square, and approved an agreement that governs the pilot program.

You can [watch the Council's discussion on the landscape ordinance amendment and the artificial turf pilot program here](#).

Council Gives Input on Draft Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan



The Fiscal Year 2018 budget included funds to prepare a city-wide Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Between February and October of 2018, Addison's consultant, Moore, Iacofano, and Goltsman, Inc. (MIG), held numerous meetings with the Council-appointed Special Project Committee and staff and gathered public input to assess the community's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space needs. That [draft report](#) was made available to the community for review in January 2019. The City Council reviewed the report and gave their feedback at its February 20 Meeting. Council will consider action on the final plan at a future meeting.

You can [watch the discussion on the draft Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Addison's Water System Earns Superior Rating



Every two to three years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspects Addison's water system to ensure that it remains compliant with Federal and State laws. TCEQ reviews all of the utility system's records, documents, and plans, and also goes out into the field to inspect our infrastructure. TCEQ recently completed Addison's inspection and, once again, designated the Town's water system as superior. The superior rating means that the Town goes above and beyond the minimum requirements to provide a superior water product to the Town's residents, businesses, and guests. Of the over 7000 public water systems in Texas, only 13% achieve superior water status.

Addison's utility division is staffed by a small group of very dedicated individuals who take great pride in providing exceptional service to the Town. At the February 20 meeting, the City Council recognized their hard work and thanked them for all that they do.

[You can watch the Council recognition here.](#)

Firefighter and Paramedic of the Year Recognized by Council



Each year, the Addison Fire Department recognizes a Paramedic and Firefighter of the year. These individuals are chosen by their peers and reviewed by a committee to

recognize outstanding achievement by members of the department. At the February 20 City Council Meeting, Fire Chief David Jones announced that Kameron Russey had been selected as the AFD 2018 Paramedic of the Year and Jeremy Hill had been selected as the AFD 2018 Firefighter of Year. Congratulations to both of these outstanding members of the AFD team and thank you for your service to Addison.

[You can watch the Council recognition here.](#)

Business Pulse

Find out More About the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce at the February 25 Orientation



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Is your company interested in joining the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce? In partnership with the Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department and the Addison Treehouse, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an orientation event to inform businesses about the benefits of joining the chamber. During this short orientation Metrocrest Chamber executives will give a brief overview of the chamber, present membership benefits, and provide time to network with members of the Addison business community. Breakfast and beverages will be provided. We hope that you join us!

Metrocrest Chamber Orientation
February 25, 2019 at 9:00am
Addison Treehouse
14681 Midway Road, Suite 200, Addison, TX 75001

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [Addison Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr](#).

Around Town

Addison Launches New Website



On Friday, February 15, Addison launched a new town website. You can still find Addison's site at AddisonTexas.net, but it now conforms to American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, has a robust search feature, and is mobile-friendly. Check it out and let us know what you think by emailing your feedback to marketing@addisontx.gov.

DART To Host Community Meetings on Pending Bus Service Improvements



DART is hosting a community meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 27 at the Addison Conference Centre at 15650 Addison Road to get feedback on major bus system service improvements proposed for implementation in August 2019. Get more information on the proposed changes in this [DART brochure](#) .

Can't make the Addison Meeting? DART has some other opportunities for you to provide input! Get a full list of [community meetings here](#) .

Addison Recognizes the Employee of the Quarter



Network Specialist Ronnie Lee was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter at the Employee Meritorious Luncheon on February 14. Ronnie was nominated as an employee who has gone above and beyond to assist two new employees on a complex software that is vital to creating the City Council meeting agendas. Not only did he make numerous trips to Town Hall to help them, but he also worked remotely to resolve any issues. Congratulations, Ronnie!

***It's Magic Time* Chronicles the History of the Addison Centre Theatre**



On Thursday, February 15, Janet Keating dropped by Town Hall to deliver her hot-off-the-press book on early theatre in Addison called *It's Magic Time 1976 - 1995*. Ms. Keating is a retired teacher who was very involved with Addison for 19 years as an Addison Centre Theatre (ACT) charter member, an actor in the first play, and a member of the ACT Board of Directors, serving as president from 1984-86. In 1987, she was asked by the Board to become the ACT Historian. *It's Magic Time* is a compilation of newspaper articles, director notes, and playbills that chronicle the rise of theatre in Addison. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact marketing@addisontx.gov.

WaterTower Theatre Presents: *Guadalupe in the Guest Room*



What would you do if your mother-in-law lived with you? WaterTower Theatre's new production - *Guadalupe in the Guest Room* - is a funny and heartfelt celebration of new beginnings, breaking barriers, and the healing power of telenovelas. The show opens tonight, Friday, February 22, and runs through March 17.

February 22 - March 17
 Addison Theatre Centre
 15650 Addison Road
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Friday, February 22 - March 17

WTT Presents: *Guadalupe in the Guest Room*

**Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road**

[Click here for dates and showtimes](#)

Wednesday, February 27

DART Community Meeting

Addison Conference Centre
15650 Addison Road
6:30pm

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

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